

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1 – 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Original): A method for shrinkwrapping which comprises:

- (a) selecting a heat shrinkable material which can retain the shape to which it is shrunk,
- (b) affixing means for releasing thereto,
- (c) pre-forming a shell of the material, the shell loosely conforming to the configuration of the article to be enshrouded therewith,
- (d) placing the shell over the article,
- (e) securing the means for releasing in place, and
- (f) heat shrinking the material.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 5 which further comprises:

- (a) shrinking the material at a temperature below the melting point of the means for releasing.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 6 which further comprises:

- (a) removing the shell from the article, and
- (b) replacing the shell over the article at a later time, and
- (c) re-fastening the means for releasing to re-seal the article.

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Claim 8 (Original):      The method of claim 7 wherein the means for  
releasing comprises a hook and loop fastener.